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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 3 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 43rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)].

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. 10th meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Continuation of the consideration of the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950) and of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 179 and 193. If time permits, beginning of the consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras.222, 233, 234 and 241. Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP. 1, 2 and 3, the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997, the "Secretariat response to comments and queries"of 21 October 1997 as well as the "Additional Secretariat response to comments and queries" of 28 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

Exchange of views on agenda item 83 (Rationalization of work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [85] (A/52/20, A/52/307)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (b) Business and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.13

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97] (A/52/92, A/52/112, A/52/139, A/52/153-S/1997/384, A/52/163, A/52/217-S/1997/507, A/52/284, A/52/318, A/52/432, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460, A/52/514-S/1997/815)

   (g) Women in development (A/52/300, A/52/345, A/52/413)

   (h) Human resources development (A/52/413, A/52/540)

   Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon* 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.4 (item 95 (a)) and A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d))

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107] (A/52/12 and Add.1, A/52/273, A/52/274 and Corr.1, A/52/360, A/52/97, A/52/116-S/1997/37).

Dialogue with the High Commissioner

General discussion.

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.11/Rev.1

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.22 and L.23

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.4 to L.8

3. International drug control [104]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.14 and Corr.1

4. Advancement of women [105]

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.18, L.20/Rev.1 and L.21

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.17 and L.19

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [107] (A/52/12 and Add.1, A/52/273, A/52/274 and Corr.1, A/52/360, A/52/97, A/52/116-S/1997/37).

Continuation of the general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Joint Inspection Unit [118] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6 (Vol. I), A/52/16 and Add.1 and A/52/7 (Chapter II, Parts I-II)

Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (Part I, Section 1); Political affairs (Part I, Section 2); Peacekeeping (Part II, Section 3); Outer space (Part II, Section 4)

General discussion

3. Pattern of conferences [119]

Conclusion of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147] (A/52/10)

WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER PROVISIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Conditions of service for the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

2. Selection and appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES

There will be a joint Second and Third Committee informal briefing by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, on the issue of "Children and Development: Challenges for the Future" on Monday, 3 November 1997 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the Third Committee on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women on Monday, 3 November 1997, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information on Monday, 3 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Room S-1027.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Copies of the revised non-paper prepared by the Secretariat on preparations for the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of women are available for delegations at the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC 2-1250).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 3 November 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

DRAFTING GROUP ON PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACE MAKING

9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on UNIFEM)

1.15 p.m. 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 96 (a), 95 (c), 97 (c) and (d) and 95 (b))

1.30 p.m. 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Briefing

There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends and other interested countries on the activities of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans on Monday, 3 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Mr. Mario Soares, former President of Portugal, will hold a briefing.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/52/375) [49].

2. University for Peace: draft resolution (A/52/L.10) [26].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER PROVISIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THIRD STATES AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS

Morning**	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal meeting

There will be a panel discussion on "Financial and Development Issues in Emerging Markets" on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator of UNPD, will serve as moderator. This is the third in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University.

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The 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: 963-2320 or 5973; fax No.: 963-5935).The list of speakers will open until Monday, 3 November 1997.

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The Committee on Relations with the Host Country will meet on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to consider a draft report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1997/CRP.2).

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The 232nd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women.

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United Nations Children's Fund

An intersessional meeting on budget matters of UNICEF will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French language Workshop on the structure and drafting of the United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York on the following dates: Wednesday, 5 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 November , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 20 October 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Panel

A panel on "Consequences of and policy responses to below-replacement fertility", organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in conjunction with its Expert Group Meeting on Below-Replacement Fertility, will be held on Thursday, 6 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A. The panel will be comprised of Professor Antonio Golini of the University of Rome, Dr. Britta Hoem of Statistics Sweden, Dr. Zhenghua Jiang, Deputy Minister and Professor of the State Family Planning Commission of China, Dr. Elise Jones of Princeton University and Professor Sergei Zahkarov of the Russian Institute of Economic Forecasting, and will be moderated by Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division, DESA. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of the press and staff members are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

Mr. Richard Feachem, Director of the Health, Nutrition and Population Team, and Mr. Alex Preker, Principal Economist of the Human Development Department, will make an informal presentation on "World Bank Strategies for Human Development" on Wednesday, 12 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The presentation is organized by the World Bank. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations, agencies and the press are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

41st plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Georgia and Qatar.

Since two seats from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting restricted to the countries which had obtained the largest number of votes in the second round of balloting and which had maintained their candidature, namely India (111), Malaysia (94) and Oman (83) from among the Asian States, Poland (98) from among the Eastern European States, and Peru (99) and Guatemala (78) from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
India	121
Oman	104
Malaysia	100
Poland	158
Peru	91
Guatemala	76

On the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, India and Poland were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The representative of Malaysia made a statement.

Since one seat from among the Asian States and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting restricted to the countries which had obtained the largest number of votes in the second round of balloting and which had maintained their candidature, namely Oman (104) from among the Asian States, and Peru (91) and Guatemala (76) from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Oman	163
Peru	92
Guatemala	78

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Oman was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The Assembly decided, on the proposal by the President, to postpone the balloting for the seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States to Monday, 3 November 1997, at a time to be announced.

Friday, 31 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

42nd plenary meeting

Towards a culture of peace [156]:

(a) *Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/52/292);*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.4).*

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.4.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama, Myanmar, Fiji, the Philippines, El Salvador, Côte d'Ivoire, Paraguay, Ecuador, Namibia, Cuba, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Barbados, Colombia, Senegal, Romania, Benin, Peru, the Russian Federation, Tunisia and Guinea-Bissau.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Swaziland and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Members were informed that action on draft resolution A/52/L.4 was postponed to a later day to be announced.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 25th meeting

The Committee heard an address by Professor Herman B. Leonard, from Harvard University on "Building strategies for public policies in a globalizing environment".

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

The Committee began consideration of the item.

An introductory statement was made on behalf of the Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement), the Russian Federation, Guyana, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay), China, Senegal, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Norway.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

26th meeting

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(c) Food and sustainable agricultural development

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (c).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat)

The Committee began consideration of the item.

The Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement), the Russian Federation, Kenya, Turkey, the United States, Japan, Lithuania and Ukraine.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97 (c).

Operational activities for development [99]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.7

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of South Africa introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.12

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The representative of Peru made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [108]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Mongolia, Turkmenistan, the Niger, Tunisia, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Canada, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Uruguay, the Republic of Korea, Bahrain and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement in which he reminded delegations of the forthcoming informal briefings scheduled together with the Second Committee on 3 and 13 November. He also invited the Committee's attention to a letter received on 30 October from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee regarding the role of that Committee and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in administrative and budgetary matters.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Monaco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, China, Morocco, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kenya, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Philippines, Venezuela, Yemen, Thailand and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Right of reply

The representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the status of documentation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Other matters

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to two letters addressed to him, one from the Secretary-General issued in document A/C.5/52/12, and the other to a letter dated 29 October 1997 from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which was circulated informally.

Joint Inspection Unit [118]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Cuba and Japan.

Pattern of conferences [119]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus and Norway), China, the Bahamas, Kenya, the Syrian Arab Republic, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Pakistan and Kuwait.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Chairman made a statement as to the procedure the Committee would follow regarding the consideration of the various sections of the proposed programme budget.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, the United States, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Controller made a statement and replied to a question posed.

The representative of Latvia also made a statement.

Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the relevant part of the report of that Committee (A/52/7 (Chapter II, Part I).

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the programme of work for the week of 3-7 November.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session [147]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, China, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

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1632nd and 1633rd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Belarus (CCPR/C/84/Add.4 and Add.7). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1997

1634th and 1635th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee considered the initial report of Lithuania (CCPR/C/81/Add.10). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
Mr. Phakiso Mochochoko
Chargé d'Affaires

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychou

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis

Western European and Other States:
Malta
H.E. Mr. George Saliba

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